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1. FONMIN TURAN GUNES, IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN CUMHURIYET FEBRUARY 17, PROVIDED ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION OF THE NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR A "FEDERATIVE" SOLUTION IN CYPRUS. RESPONDING TO A QUESTION, HE REPORTEDLY SAID:

QUOTE ON THIS QUESTION, WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS NOT HOW THE LARGE AND SMALL CONCRETE QUESTIONS OF THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS WILL BE SOLVED. THIS HAS GREAT IMPORTANCE,
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BUT BASICALLY THE MATTER THAT I WASNT TO MAKE CLEAR HERE IS

THAT THERE ARE SOME LEGAL AND POLITICAL PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE RELATIONS OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES LIVING IN CYPRUS SHOULD BE BASED. UNLESS TWO QUESTIONS, TWO QUESTIONS CONCERNING CYPRUS ARE SET FORTH CLEARLY, I DO NOT THINK THAT THE CYPRUS QUESTION CAN BE COMPLETELY RESOLVED. ONE OF THESE TWO QUESTIONS IS THE INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF CYPRUS AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE WHICH IS A UN MEMBER. ON THIS MATTER TURKEY'S STANCE IS OPEN, CLEAR, WELL KNOWN. THIS STANCE IS: CYPRUS IS AN INDEPENDENT STATE AND MUST REMAIN AN INDEPENDENT STATE. IN THIS SENSE CYPRUS IS SINGLE (TEKTIR), IT IS INDEPENDENT. THESE WORDS OF MINE ARE SAID TO RESOLVE AN IMPORTANT QUESTION. AND THAT IS THAT CYPRUS' PARTITION, CYPRUS' ANNEXATION BY GREECE, THAT IS, ENOSIS, CONSTITUTE A LINE OF ACTION COMPLETELY LEFT OUT. UNFORTUNATELY I MUST SAY THAT SO FAR THIS MATTER HAS NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY RESOLVED. VARIOUS MANIFESTATIONS AFTER GRIVAS' DEATH SHOWED THAT ONE SIDE, WHILE THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WERE CONTINUING, THE ENOSIS IDEA HAD NOT YET BEEN COMPLETELY ERASED FROM SOME MINDS. THE SECOND ASPECT OF THE MATTER IS THAT TOGETHER WITH THE CONTINUATION OF THE STATE'S SINGLENESS, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND INDEPENDENCE, THE CYPRUS STATE IS A FORMATION (BROUGHT INTO BEING) FROM THE TWO COMMUNITIES. IT IS A FORMATION FOR THE TURKISH AND GREEK COMMUNITIES. IT IS POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH THE RELATIONS AMONG THE PEOPLE LIVING WITHIN THIS CYPRUS STATE AND CYPRUS' INTERNAL ORDER, CYPRUS' ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER, ACCORDING TO THE TWO COMMUNITIES. THE TERM, 'FEDERATIVE SYSTEM', IS A TERM THAT EXPRESSES THIS TRUTH. THE CENTER OF OUR THOUGHT IS THAT THE CYPRUS PROBLEM CAN NOT BE REGARDED AS A MATTER OF MINORITIES IN A STATE. IN ANY CASE, THESE WORDS OF MINE OCCUPY A PLACE IN THE AGREEMENTS AND TEXTS CONCERNING CYPRUS. UNQUOTE.

2. ASKED WHAT ASSISTANCE TURKEY WOULD GIVE CYPRUS AFTER THE TALKS ENDED AND CYPRUS ENTERED ITS NEW STATUS, GUNES SAID:

QUOTE I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT CERTAIN SAFEGUARDS ARE NEEDED UNTIL THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES ARRIVE AT A COMPLETELY NORMAL SITUATION... UNCLASSIFIED

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AFTER THIS ORDER IS ESTABLISHED, ASSISTANCE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS COULD BE ESTABLISHED WHICH NOT ONLY CONCERN THE TURKISH COMMUNITY BUT CONCERN CYPRUS' STANCE... ON THIS SUBJECT I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT IN SUCH A NEARBY COUNTRY, VERY INTERESTING, ECONOMICALLY INTERESTING JOINT VENTURES COULD BE DEVELOPED. HOWEVER, THE GREEK ADMINISTRATION IN CYPRUS TENDS TO PREFER PROJECTS THAT ARE ECONOMICALLY MUCH LESS ADVANTAGEOUS FOR THE CYPRIOT

PEOPLE. THIS CREATES SITUATIONS THAT ARE COMPLETELY AGAINST
THE TWO COMMUNITIES, THAT IS, THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE."
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